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In Re Application of:

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Docket No. 822103-1010

For: **METHOD FOR FLATPROOFING A TIRE AND WHEEL ASSEMBLY AND  
RESULTING FLATPROOFED ASSEMBLY**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed November 16, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 110905) has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

***AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT***

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.

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Further, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as claims 1, 2, 6-13 and 17 discussed above.

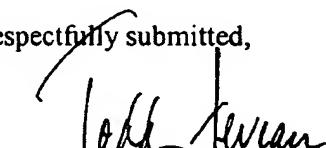
4. New Claims 21-24

New claims 21-23 are presented dependent upon claim 1. These claims are believed allowable for the same reasons as claim 1 discussed above. Additionally, Applicant notes that each of these claims is separately allowable for the reason that the feature recited in each of these claims is not taught or suggested by any of the cited references.

New independent claim 24 is added which is a combination of originally presented claims 1, 7, 9 and 10, along with new claim 21. New claim 24 is believed allowable for the same reasons of these claims as discussed above.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully maintain that the currently pending claims 1-17 and 21-24 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at 770-933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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